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U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known  
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For : DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN  
CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1)  
AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-12, and insert the following replacement paragraph:

A1 -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/899,732, filed July 5, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/610,635, filed July 5, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/31169, filed December 30, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/224,426, filed December 31, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,221,613 B1, issued April 24, 2001, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the subject application. --